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Naples, Febr. 1.

FRom *Palermo* we have Letters by a Felucca arrived yeſterday, which tell us, that the Duke of *Bournonville* finding it impoſſible to make any conſiderable advance in the Siege of *Taormina*, ſo long as it lay open on the ſide of the Sea, and that by that means the Beſieged were from time to time ſupplied with Proviſions, and whatever they ſtood in need of, reſolved to quit the ſaid Siege, as he did accordingly; and after having put a good Gariſon into the Caſtle of *Mola*, retired to *Melazzo*, where the ſaid Duke at preſent is. A Fleet of between 40 and 50 Sail, laden with Proviſions, is arrived at *Meſſina*; the great ſupply of Men, is not expected there till the month of *March*.

Vienna, Febr. 13. Their Imperial Majeſties were expected here on Tueſday laſt, but, it ſeems, they have changed their reſolution, and intend to continue at *Neuſtadt* during the Carnaval, and then the Duke of *Lorrain*, and the Queen-Dowager of *Poland*, will return hither with their Imperial Majeſties, and will ſtay here, till ſuch time as the Duke of *Lorrain* returns to the Army, which he will continue to command. The Council of War meets daily at *Neuſtadt*, in the preſence of the Emperor, for the taking the Reſolutions neceſſary for the carrying on the War. We are told that an Ambaſſador is coming hither from the *Port*, with a Train of 120 perſons, to confirm the Treaties at preſent ſubſiſting between the two Empires. In *Tranſilvania* the two Princes *Abafti* and *Paul Tendi*, continue to contend for the Maſtery, both in the mean time ſolliciting, by their Agents, at *Conſtantinople*, the favor of the Grand Signior, whoſe declaration will, without doubt, decide the Controverſie.

Mentz, Febr. 15. The Regiment commanded by Colonel *Nigrelli* is marched to *Treves*, and 500 men of the Troops of our Elector have taken the ſame way. The Troops of the Duke of *Lorrain*, which were quartered in this Countrey, diſlodged the laſt week, and are likewiſe marched towards *Treves* and *Luxemburg*, which places, it ſeems, are apprehended to be in the greateſt danger.

Straſburgh, Febr. 18. In our laſt we gave you an account of the arrival of the Mareſchal *de Crequi* at *Briſac*, ſince he has been at *Friburg*, and ſent ſeveral Parties into *Briſgow*. He ſeemed as if he would have laid a Bridge over the *Rhine*, having cauſed a great many Veſſels to be brought together, but on the ſudden hath ſent them back again, has commanded the Troops that were in *Briſgow* to repaſs the *Rhine*, and with them is marching towards *Nancy*, which has, in ſome meaſure, freed us of the apprehenſions we were in. However we are upon our Guard, and are reſolved not to be ſurprized; and becauſe much of our ſecurity depends upon that of *Offenburg*, all poſſible care is taken to ſtrengthen that place, and to put it into a ſtate of defence.

Ditto. News is brought hither this day, that a Party of Imperialiſts, and another of *French*, have had a Rencounter in *Briſgow*, in which the latter was worſted, having loſt 100 men, with two conſiderable Officers.

Trier, Febr. 18. The *French* King is within theſe two or three dayes expected at *Metz*, from whence we have an account, that great preparations are making, as is believed, for the Siege of this place; that a great many pieces of Cannon, for Battery, were bringing thither from *Nancy* and *Marſal*. Our Governor, in the mean time, ſends out ſeveral Parties, to learn what News they can of the Enemies motions.

Cologne, Febr. 22. The Emperor, we hear, has written a Letter to our Magiſtrates, requiring them to pay, without further delay, the 40000 Crowns demanded of them, in lieu of the Winter-quarters; ſo that our Magiſtrates find themſelves in a ſtraight how to proceed in this matter. From *Metz*, and thoſe Parts, they write, that by the preparations made there, it ſeemed the *French* deſign was upon *Treves*. Our next Letters will be able to ſpeak with greater certainty.

Liege, Febr. 22. Yeſterday we had a report that a Body of *French* Troops had appeared before *Namur*, and that they were going to inveſt the place; but this morning we have an account, that the ſaid Troops having paſſed the *Meuſe*, are marched towards *Dalem*, with what deſign we know not, unleſs it be to deſtroy the Countrey.

Hamburgh, Febr. 22. From *Copenhagen* they write, that a great many Flat-bottom'd Boats were providing there, together with a Squadron of Men of War, in order to the executing ſome great deſign; that the Duke of *Holſtein Ploen* is to command the Kings Army this next Campagne, with the Title of *Generaliſſimus*. The Princes of *Lunenburg* have given out Commiſſions for raiſing ſeveral new Regiments, which will be followed by others, it being ſaid that they will in all raiſe 14 new Regiments, but whether any part of them will be employed in the aſſiſtance of the *Danes* is a queſtion. From *Stralſond* we have an account, that of thoſe taken Priſoners in *Rugen*, 1500 had taken Service under Count *Coningſmarke*, and that they had already received a Months pay. The march of the *Suedes* Army in *Livonia* is now related with ſo many circumſtances, that moſt People give credit to it; its deſign is to fall into *Pruſſia*, where the *Brandenburgs* will not be able to make any great defence, it being an open Countrey, without any fortified places, ſave *Coningsberg* and *Memel*.

Amſterdam, Febr. 25. Moſt of our *Eaſtland* Fleet is come in, there wanting not above 10 or 11 Sail, which are likewiſe expected every hour.

Hague, Febr. 25. Some differences we hear are ariſen in the Province of *Friſeland*, among thoſe in whoſe hands is the Government of it; one ſide has appealed to the *States General*, which is like rather to increaſe, than compoſe the diſpute. His Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* has given Orders to all his Officers and